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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1X

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. On 29 August 1950 four twin-engine aircraft were parked in front of the western hangar at Cottbus (N 52/A 57) airfield. The unit formerly stationed at the field has not returned. *
2. The runway at the field was completed and serviceable. ** The concrete aprons in front of the hangars were still being enlarged. The taxiway, which started at the western end of the runway, extended in an acute angle to the border of the woods on the northern edge of the field and, after about 500 meters, went back to the runway and not toward the hangars.

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3. It was rumored among the construction workers at the field that the Cottbus airfield was to be improved as a supply base from where goods were to be distributed to other places in the German Democratic Republic. It was assumed that the taxiway was to be used as a loading strip and that the nearby depot would be improved.

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4. Tank trucks [REDACTED] and motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were seen in Cottbus. ***

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. No other sources have reported that the airfield was re-occupied by an air unit. The four twin-engine planes were previously observed by various sources during construction work at the field. See [REDACTED]

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25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. The information is possible since another source reported on

11 August 1950 that the runways were nearing completion. See [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A*** [REDACTED] Comment. The motor vehicle [REDACTED] were previously observed in Cottbus. They are probably assigned to the ground units of the bomber regiments which were stationed at the field prior to construction work.

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